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Southeast Conference Planning Committee Meets With Rev. Serge F. Humman

For the past several months a Planning Committee of the Southeast Conference has been meeting with the Rev. Serge F. Hummon, of the Division of Church Extension, United Church of Christ. The purposes of such sessions are to examine the present ministry of the Conference with the hope of setting new and more effective priorities of Christian witness.

Basically, the Committee is composed of the Association Moderators of Georgia-South Carolina and Alabama-Tennessee, the Moderator of the Southern Alabama Area Council, the Conference staff and Mr. Hummon.

The "Foreword" in a recent paper prepared by Mr. Hummon summarizes the concerns of the Planning Committee:

"Christ calls His church to mission in the Southeast. One form of His church is the United Church of Christ. This church, though hampered by institutional weakness, seeks a role of faithfulness. It desires to serve all types of people in the area as they define their needs."

Early in its work, the Planning Committee sought to bring together the kinds of needs expressed: at Association and SEC Annual Meetings; at the 1969-1970 Churchmanship Institutes; at the various Commission meetings; by local church people to the Conference staff and to the officers in informal conversations. Growing out of these expressed needs is the beginning of a "Criteria for New Strategy":

- 1) The Southeast Conference is important as a coordinating agency for mission.
- 2) An association approach — that is, strengthening the Associations' leadership — reduces the basic area of mission, allowing for more ecumenical and for meaningful involvement locally.
- 3) More dynamic involvement of the national church with the Southeast Conference is helpful in terms of: consultation; two-way discussions; financial aid; and Our Christian World Mission support.
- 4) Very much needed are comprehen-

sive strategies in the metropolitan growth center.

- 5) A strategy that takes seriously the black people should be explicit.

Suggested Priorities of the Southeast Conference

A start is being made on priorities of the Conference. Among those already suggested are:

- 1) Program and strategy provided by the Conference and Association — perhaps utilizing small program areas — are crucial to the life of the churches.
- 2) The development of new constituencies in metropolitan growth centers.
- 3) New ministries with black people.
- 4) Development of more meaningful ministry in our town and country churches.

A start has already been made in strengthening the Association leadership and in gathering leaders of congregations for fellowship and training in small program areas. New associations are now in various stages of development. In 1969-1970 eleven Churchmanship Institutes were held in small groups of churches.

The Planning Committee is now taking a look at whether there should be Association Ministers as a part of the Conference Staff. Such people would likely be geographically closer to the churches, would help Associations to initiate programs relevant to the congregations in a given area, and would act as liaison people among national, conference and local concerns.

More Information Needed — What does your congregation feel the Conference and Association priorities should be? Should we have Association Ministers? If so, what sort of functions would they have? How would they be supported?

It is hoped that opportunity will be given at our Fall Association meetings to delve further into meaningful planning so that the Southeast Conference may be even more faithful in its witness for Jesus Christ.

NEEDS OF LAY PEOPLE OUTLINED

At its August 1 meeting held at the Southeast Conference office, the Commission on Lay Life and Work centered its concerns and plans around felt needs of lay men and women of our churches.

Members of the Commission listed the needs under four headings: opportunities for exposure to more media resources that will help them with their work and witness in the church and in the world; leadership development toward meaningful participation in the church's life; an understanding of what is involved in both personal and group Christian commitment; and, the ability to reach out beyond ourselves as individual persons, beyond our own families, beyond our local congregations, to a needy world of needy persons.

Growing out of these concerns, the Commission recommended that, building on last year's *Churchmanship Institutes*, similar events be held during 1970-71. At these Institutes, small groups would work on specific areas of concern: evangelism, youth ministry, stewardship education, community outreach, and program planning for adults. Leadership would be provided by national and Conference staff, as well as members of Association committees and other local people. "How the Word Gets Around" is the suggested theme, and a tentative schedule is in process.

So that we may demonstrate our belief in "the laos" as the "people of God," the Commission recommends that Sunday, October 11, be recognized as *Lait Sunday*, giving lay men, women and youth an opportunity to share their concerns and convictions in local church pulpits. Some suggestions for this observance will appear in the September *Southeast News*. Let us know how your church will observe Lait Sunday. Or, how have you done it in the past? We'll put your story in the *Southeast News* so that others may receive ideas.

Also, it is not too early to begin think-

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Message From The President Of United Church Of Christ

Controversy, or polarization, as it has come to be called, is a fact of life for the church today. But it is important that we see it in historical perspective. Polarization occurred in the time of the Reformation and led ultimately to a division in the church which is now only being healed

The polarization which took place in American Christianity over slavery in the 19th century was a painful process. Robert Handy, the American church historian, has pointed out that as a consequence of the divisions which occurred then in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, white churches have been denied some of the deeper resources of faith and experience in the black community and black churches have been denied the bulk of the resources in education and wealth in the white community.

A hopeful sign is that amidst the polarization which we are experiencing today there is little or no talk about setting up a new church around one or the other of the "poles." Where the two sides remain in fellowship and communion there is always the hope of a renewed church.

I recently re-read Governor William Bradford's *History of Plymouth Plantation* in preparation for the observance of the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims this fall. The little community of Pilgrims in Leyden were "polarized" as they agonized over the decision whether to come to America. Their future in Holland was indeed black. Economic conditions were bad. Even their children had little time for learning or leisure. They lived in constant fear of being surrounded by their enemies from England and dragged back to stand trial. By going to America they could leave all this behind. But, above all, they argued, their going might in some way serve for "the advancement of the gospel." And even if this were not the case, they might serve as "stepping stone" for those who later would advance the gospel in America.

Those who were opposed paraded a number of imaginary horrors. They talked about the "brutish savages" who roamed the forests. "How will we make our living?" And what about the change in water and in climate? The crowning

Youth And Adults Learn About The City

Twenty middle and senior high young people and adults participated in the first Urban Event, held July 4-11, and sponsored by the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and the Disciples of Christ. Through resource people and materials, audi-visual aids, and actual involvement, the work campers began to explore some of the complex facets of urban life. Emilie Pitcock of the Southeast Conference served on the staff of the Event.

"Home base" was the Southern Christian Children's Home on Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, where most of the participants ate two meals a day with the staff and residents of the Home. Once during the week the work campers took the teen-aged residents and their houseparents to Piedmont Park for a softball game and watermelon feed. In addition, a team of three worked at the Home washing down kitchen walls, moving dirt, and assisting in recreation for the younger children.

Orientation to urban problems came through audio-visual resources, reading materials, sensitivity "games", through the leadership of Rev. William Jackson and Mr. Steve Rice. The Rev. Mr. Jackson, a Baptist minister, is working with ten urban churches in Atlanta. Steve Rice, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Rice of Central Church, Atlanta, is an urban affairs major at Georgia State University; he and his wife Judy are houseparents at the Southern Christian Children's Home.

In addition to the team already mentioned, four other teams assisted in vari-

argument was not a new one: "we can't afford it."

Then Bradford writes: "It was answered that all great and honorable actions are accomplished with great difficulties and can only be enterprised and overcome with answerable courages."

Could it be that the polarization we are experiencing today is but a prelude of our own pilgrimage into a new world as a new church? I am convinced that it can be so if we show "answerable courages" and resolve to stay together as God's pilgrim people moving with Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.

(The above message by Dr. Robert V. Moss was delivered to the meeting of Conference Ministers and Instrumentality Executives at LaForet, Colorado, July 12-18, 1970).

ous efforts. At Tabernacle Baptist Child Development Center, two young men moved trash left over from the sanitation strike to where sanitation workers would pick it up. They also painted and cleaned around the premises, and assisted the regular staff with the children. At St. Paul's Methodist Church Child Development Center, two girls painted walls and assisted the ongoing staff with the children. A team of seven worked at Wheat Street Baptist Church Community Center, painting seven rooms and a hall, relating to impoverished people in a low-cost housing project owned and operated by the church, and finding opportunities to talk with Job Corps young people. At Southside Community Child Development Center a team of three usually arrived in time for breakfast, assisted the regular staff in the Head Start program there, and helped with swimming instruction at Pittman Park.

Rap sessions occupied most of the evenings as work campers reflected on their experiences of the day. They took time also to visit "Underground Atlanta," to sightsee around downtown Atlanta by car, to eat once at the Varsity. A few went to the Tenth Street area. In addition to worship experiences within the group, on Sunday, July 5, some worshipped with Decatur First Christian Church; a group of twelve worshipped with the Ebenezer Baptist Church congregation.

No one was paid for all this work—in fact, the young people and their churches paid for the privilege of working.

The most telling comments were by several who said that the Urban Event would have great influence on the direction of their vocation choice. Some are already making plans to relate further to the people with whom they worked.

Langdale Church Holds Revival

The Langdale Congregational Christian Church will hold its revival August 16-21, 1970. Evening services will be at 7:30 p. m.

A former pastor of the Langdale Church, the Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, will be the evangelist. The many friends of Mr. Lewis in this area will be glad to welcome him back home, even if only on a visit.

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World Hunger Concern Of Youth Week 1970

For twenty-seven years, Protestant and Orthodox denominations belonging to the National Council of Churches have sponsored an ecumenical youth week. Its purpose has been to foster local ecumenical development and to face issues confronting youth and our society. In 1970, for the second time in the history of this event, the National Catholic Youth Organization and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. will join efforts in a single observance of Youth Week.

AIMS AND PURPOSES — This year the purpose is to foster ecumenical development and encourage youth to confront the pressing issue of world hunger. Proposals for accomplishing this purpose include: emphasizing youth's potential and spotlighting their willingness to assume responsibility through a display of their talents, abilities and resources; encouraging youth by making them aware of their opportunity for good; revealing youth's depth of spirituality; joining youth of all faiths together in projects that will benefit their fellowmen.

President John F. Kennedy said, "The battle against hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation. There is no more important battle on earth or in space. Peace cannot survive in a world half-fed and hungry."

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. On one day of Youth Week, youth groups throughout the nation gather in their own parish for the celebration of their own denominational liturgical service. 2. Protestant and Catholic youth join together locally during Youth Week in appropriate ecumenical religious ceremonies commemorating this event. 3. Although it is hoped that youth of a given locality will join together during Youth Week in action projects relating to world hunger, it seems more appropriate that they begin planning projects for the entire year before Youth Week begins. Youth Week would then serve the purpose of announcing to the community youth's plans for continuing action pursuant to the theme.

RESOURCES: 1. Youth Week Packet. Several kinds of resources for study and action on the problem of world hunger. Order from: Youth Week 1970, Division of Youth Activities, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005. Cost, \$2.50. Order now! 2. Audio-Visuals available from Southeast Conference (see listing below). 3. Speakers from organizations working with hunger problems. 3. Checking with local volunteer groups to learn what your group can do in the community.

MAKE YOUTH WEEK (OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 1, 1970) AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PHYSICAL NEEDS OF HUNGRY PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA AND IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

SEC Films Available On Youth Week Theme

When Other People Hurt: A worried teen-ager opens up the problem of overseas hunger — what is being done now, and what further action is needed to alleviate this growing problem. 67-frame filmstrip with 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm record.

Crusade Against Hunger: A look at the church's war against hunger. Beginning with a description of the root causes of hunger, the filmstrip moves on to show the work of agricultural missionaries in eight countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. 107-frame filmstrip with 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm record.

Between the Dark and the Daylight: A 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ minute color 16mm. motion picture dramatically illustrating how people of the "have-not" world exist, suspended between the darkness of hunger,

of ignorance, of disease, and of war, and the daylight of plenty, of knowledge, of health and peace.

H-H Factor: Dave Garroway simulates a telephone conversation with skeptic "Joe", helping to interpret human needs in terms of H-H, "hunger headstart". A 15-minute sound color 16mm. motion picture.

Hunger: Program of the churches to meet needs in Korea, Hong Kong, Calcutta, and Congo. A 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ minute sound motion picture. 16mm. color.

Long March, The: Presentation of needs in Korea, Pakistan, Iran and Algeria, and the response of English churches. All programs shown are supported by the U.C.C. 37 minutes, sound and color, 16mm.

Updating United Church Curriculum

Two new courses, now off the press, mark the continuation of the gradual updating of U.C.C. curriculum course materials. *Building Justice*, a junior course, and *Fragments from an Unknown Gospel*, for Middle High young people, are two exciting ventures in this effort. Both are concerned with development of the individual person, both employ contemporary media of communication, and both are oriented to involvement with the world in which God has called us to serve.

If you have not had opportunity to see these, you may borrow a copy of either from the Southeast Conference office.

The most extensive plans for updating are at the senior high level (grades 11 and 12). According to the recent announcement from the Division of Christian Education, several multimedia resource packets are being developed around crucial issues such as drugs, racism, and war, to help young people engage in critical reflection and appropriate action. The first of such packets should be ready by late 1970. Meanwhile, the present senior high materials will still be available.

For information on additional changes, read carefully each issue of *Update*.

YOUTH WEEK

Oct. 25 - Nov. 1, 1970



*Peace cannot
survive in a
world half-fed
and hungry.*

J.F.R.

News From Churches Of SE Conference

Rev. James E. Humphrey has resigned as pastor of the United Church of Huntsville, Alabama, effective October 1, 1970. He will attend the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute in Columbia, South Carolina.

For more than three years Jim and his wife, Faye, have shared the life and ministry of the Huntsville church. We wish them well in their new life.

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Rev. Raymond Ashley, pastor of the Daisy (Tennessee) Congregational Church for more than six years, has resigned as pastor of the church. He is otherwise employed and will give full time to his job.

Mr. Ashley is one of those people able to carry a full time job and, at the same time, serve as pastor of a local church. We thank him for his ministry in both areas.

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One of the young men licensed to preach in the North Alabama Association, Roger Loosier, was hit in the leg by a B-40 rocket April 24, 1970, while on active duty in Vietnam. He was hospitalized for a while but has since returned to his home at Town Creek, Alabama. He is a member of the Old Liberty Grove Church, Town Creek.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL, CHATTANOOGA, PILGRIM

A total of 82 children registered for our joint Vacation Church School with Stanley Methodist Church. The school began July 31 concluding with a service on Sunday morning, August 2, during the morning worship. 63 children attended from Stanley Methodist and 19 from Pilgrim.

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ST. JOHN'S, CULLMAN, ALA.

The Bible School at the St. John's United Church in Cullman, Ala., was held July 6-10, 1970. The total enrollment was 63 with an average attendance of 54.

A good way to spend July 4 is to visit the sick. Mrs. Eunice Bieker and Mrs. Frieda Seckfort visited 40 sick people that day.

As of July 12, the church's softball team was still undefeated.

Average attendance at worship was 200 from April-June, 1970. Rev. George Fidler is the pastor.

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The Youth Fellowship of St. John's Church, Cullman, Alabama, performs a good deed at least seven days out of every month. They work at the Commodity Distribution Center where they help distribute to low-income families flour, corn meal, dry milk, beans, stew, turkey, apple juice, chopped meat, vegetable shortening, corn syrup, peanut butter, green beans, raisins, grits, cheese, rice, oats, canned milk, instant mashed potatoes, dry eggs and butter.

Even the pastor, George Fidler, is there to help.

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Rev. W. S. Bryant, pastor of the Russell Woods Church in Phenix City, Alabama, for the past several years, resigned July 26, 1970 to become the Assistant Field Director with the American Red Cross. He will be stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, near Ozark.

During his ministry at Russell Woods a new constitution has been adopted, the church has been reorganized, and a new thrust into community life has been made.

SEC Commission On OCWM Met July 29, 1970

Among the many matters relating to Our Christian World Mission, the availability of "mission interpreters" to local churches and areas was discussed when the O.C.W.M. Commission met recently in Central Church, Atlanta. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Munson of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, are available to speak of their work in India. Don Flick, pastor of the Church of the Savior, Knoxville, is working on a schedule for a mission interpreter or a missionary in the Alabama-Tennessee Association. It was suggested that Mr. and Mrs. George Tworoger of Florida would be able to interpret Our Christian World Mission, especially concerning our work in Africa.

The financial crisis in the Southeast Conference was also discussed. It was suggested that if we could secure 15c per week per member from each of our churches (the price of a Coca-Cola), we could raise the amount needed for the work of the Conference.

The "Neighbors in Need" offering is suggested for Sunday, October 4th—World-Wide Communion Sunday. To help promote this offering, copies of the filmstrip, "Listen to Jerome" are available for loan from the Southeast Conference office.

Church officers are urged to watch their mail boxes for a letter from the Commission on Our Christian World Mission concerning each church's "Statement of Intention" in terms of financial support. Hopefully, the Statement of Intention is to be returned to the Conference office by December 31, 1970.

Other matters discussed by the O.C.W.M. Commission will come to light in the near future.

NEARLY EVERYONE KNOWS THE CHURCH IS IMPORTANT

HISTORICALLY — 1900 years of dramatic history.

SOCIALLY — Gives moral value to society.

CULTURALLY — Fashions western civilization.

AND PERSONALLY — The church provides inspiration, growth, hope and consolation for missions of persons.

BUT, WHAT IS THE CHURCH REALLY?

NOT just the building

NOT just the organization, the institution, the officials

NOT just the clergy

NOT just an association of exclusive and self-approving people who worship a God who approves only of them.

NO . . . THE . . . CHURCH IS . . .
WHAT WE ARE . . . TO GOD . . . TO
EACH OTHER . . . TO THE WORLD.

(From Chattanooga, Pilgrim News)

I Corinthians 13 For Today

I may be a great speaker — a leader — an officer in my school or church class, but if I don't have love and concern, I am nobody.

I may know a whole lot of Bible verses, but if I don't really care about those whom I am trying to impress, I'm just a bunch of noise.

I may give up my time to help some other kid with math or reading, but if I do it to show off and not out of love for the kid, it does me no good.

Love is not beating up my brother when he is a pain in the neck; it is being kind to those who are different from me.

Love is not being jealous of the guy who gets good grades, or the sports hero; it is not wishing I had as many clothes as John has or a new bike like Joe's.

Love does not brag. Love is not rude.

Love considers the rest of the family.

Love is not grumpy — does not hold a grudge.

Love is not satisfied with the world as it is, but tries to make it God's kind of world. Love never gives up, for it has faith and hope to keep it steady.

Love lasts forever.

All the things that we think are so terribly important here on earth will disappear. These things are imperfect; when the perfect comes, the imperfect will disappear.

Right now on earth we don't fully understand God and His ways, but as we go through life, we grow in understanding through God's love for us.

Someday, maybe, we will understand all things.

Meanwhile, these three remain: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.

(Prepared by Emilie F. Pitcock for Church School Day in Church, Central Church, Atlanta, Georgia).

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ruby F. Waugh, wife of the Rev. Richard Marvin Waugh, passed away at a Decatur, Alabama hospital on June 23, 1970. Funeral services were held at Jones Chapel, Moulton, Alabama, on June 25th. Interment was in the Moulton Cemetery.

Mrs. Waugh is survived by her husband, long-time pastor of the Jones Chapel Church; by one son, Marvin Jr., two sisters, four brothers and two grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Guy L. Colbert and Rev. Wade Witlock.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

As church budgets are being made up and we reevaluate our stewardship, two items in particular arrest my attention:

First, look at your minister's salary. He is a professional man. He has had at least 7 years of college and graduate study. If he is like a majority of them, he has made most of his way through school. (It took me 15 years in the ministry to pay off my college and seminary debts and I had held outside jobs during all those school years.) Professionally, your minister rates along with the doctor in your town, the lawyer, superintendent of schools and others. Compare his salary with theirs. Financially, he is usually at the bottom of the ladder.

In the last couple of weeks, several of our very fine ministers have told me that they must look for churches that pay larger salaries. When they find something, their churches will be surprised to learn how much more they must pay to get the same quality of leadership. If they leave the Conference, we will be the loser.

I am told the cost of living went up 3.3 percent last year, so if we had less than a 3.3 percent increase, he is making less. At 3.3 percent, he is just holding his own. The increase in living costs has been about 10 percent in 3 years. For a good leader, you should not only hold the line, but give him a substantial increase.

Furthermore, most of the ministers I know tithe, and many of us give much more than a tenth of our salaries. Time and again I find that the minister ranks near the top in pledges to the church. Think over his salary; if it is low, give it a boost.

Then, look at your benevolence budget, your giving beyond the local church. I rejoice when I see a church giving 30 or more percent of its total budget for others, and there are some — but they're few. Many increased their current expense budgets this year and left Our Christian World Mission the same. Some actually decreased it. Our kind of world surely ought to be enough to challenge us to action. It's high time we put Christ and His mission in the world first. WILL IT BE SAID OF US THAT WE DID TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE?

Never in the history of the world has there been such affluence as in America today. We have gadgets galore. If our church people set aside just one-tenth of their incomes first, and pledged and gave at least half of it (preferably two-thirds

U. C. C. Executive Calls For Major Shift In National Spending

The chief national mission executive of the United Church of Christ on July 24th called for a major shift on national spending from projects "which promote death to those which promote life."

The Rev. Howard E. Spragg, executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, addressing the biennial conference of the National Welfare Rights Organization at the University of Pittsburgh, said his board advocates a minimum standard of \$5,500.00 per year for a family of four as "one prerequisite for a human standard of living."

In adopting such a policy, Dr. Spragg pointed out, the United Church Board recognized not only the "significant cost" to the nation, but also the social and economic benefits.

Dr. Spragg declared that a \$5,500.00 guaranteed income for a family of four can be made possible by a change in national priorities, and especially a shift of money from military spending.

He called the high proportion of the federal budget spent for military purposes "insane," adding: "If it is past time all of us had the courage to say so."

The World Is What You Are

"The world is a great mirror. It reflects back to you what you are. If you are loving, if you are friendly, if you are helpful, the world will prove loving and friendly and helpful to you. The world is what you are."

Thomas Dreier

or three-fourths) to the church, ministers' salaries would be where they ought to be, the program of Christian education could be immeasurably improved, the mission in the state, across the nation and around the world could really go forward.

To paraphrase the late President Kennedy, the Christian should, "ask not what Christ and the church can do for him, but what he can do for Him and His mission." To the faithful steward Christ makes certain promises. Such a one isn't motivated by prospects of personal rewards, but the "joys of the spirit" are by-products. Try it, if you haven't. I covet for us all the richness of a life on a mission!

—Judson E. Fiebiger

(Written for "Reporter" — newsletter of Iowa Conference).



LISTEN TO JEROME

And remember . . .
. . . the crisis we face in our nation,
. . . the need for neighbors to unite,
. . . the presence the church can become,
. . . the needs of neighbors starting in business,
. . . the necessity of quality education for black students,
. . . the situations and attitudes that need changing.

Listen to Jerome as he (for he is a real person) becomes whole, so also do we.

Listen to Jerome is a 12-minute sound filmstrip with 33 1/3 rpm record which sets forth in sharp outline the issues of the crisis in our nation. Viewers are introduced to Jerome, a student under the Higher Education Program of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ. Jerome chats informally about his background, the needs he sees around him, the problems that he has faced, and the hopes and vision that he has for the future.

When Jerome is finished, the narrator makes clear that much of what Jerome spoke about is currently being done, including community organization, economic development, educational thrusts, and the elimination of some unhealthy attitudes, basically among whites. Before the filmstrip comes full circle by insisting that neighbors need neighbors, viewers are asked to contribute toward programs designed to correct the situation in which many oppressed neighbors find them-

Generation Gap Is Reversed

The article below is excerpted from "The Broadcaster," parish paper of the Glenview Community Church, Glenview, Illinois, where the Rev. Kenneth E. Nye is pastor.

"Police were called today to help restore order at Bide-a-Wee Rest Home, scene of a week-long old folks' revolt.

"Three militant octogenarians were arrested after a scuffle in the main parlor. They were identified as leaders of an activist group that seized control of the parlor three days ago and locked up the assistant dietitian in the pantry.

"Two officers suffered minor injuries during the disturbance. One was hit with a runaway wheelchair and the other jabbed with a knitting needle.

"Quincy Tireblood, 87, spokesman, wearing a 'Senility Power' button, said the old folks demand a greater role in management.

"The movement began, it was reported, with a 'dodder-in' during which oldsters burned their Social Security cards and someone hit the rest home superintendent with a bottle of Geritol.

"What's the sense of living a long time if some kid of 45 or 50 can tell you what to do?" Tireblood demanded. 'We don't trust anyone under 65.'

The above was given to the Rev. Mr. Nye by one of his church members. It has no acknowledged authorship, but is said to have come out of East Colds, Vermont.

NEEDS OF LAY . . .

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ing about the ingathering of the Family Thank Offering. If it has not already been done, plans for this ingathering should be made a part of a significant worship service, on Laity Sunday or at some other time.

PIEDMONT COLLEGE

Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia, reports 101 seniors graduating at the 73rd Commencement this past Spring.

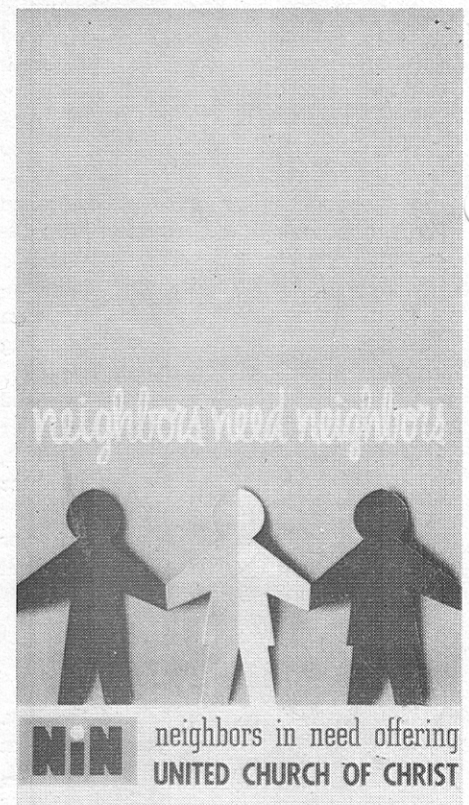
selves.

Listen to Jerome will be especially helpful in promoting the "Neighbors in Need" emphasis. The filmstrip is available for return postage only from the Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

Rev. Herbert Long Visits In Southeast Conference

The minister of First Church, Memphis, Tenn., Rev. D. Herbert Long, visited the Southeast Conference office in Atlanta the last of July. He was on his way to the family home at the old Christian Hill Church, now somewhat inactive, at Midland City, Alabama.

His father, the late Rev. Nat Long, served many of our churches in the former Southeast Convention. His mother still lives across the road from the Christian Hill Church. The family gathers there for a reunion each year.



'Neighbors In Need' Offering

The "Neighbors in Need" is the all-church offering for homeland needs. This offering is ordinarily held in the fall on World-Wide Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

This year World-Wide Communion Sunday falls on October 4th.